

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Claims 2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, and 11 (canceled).

1. A purified polypeptide the amino acid sequence of which consists of SEQ ID NO: 1.

- ²/~~8~~. A purified polypeptide as described in claims 1, ~~2, 3, or 4~~, wherein said purified polypeptide has at least one conservative amino acid substitution.

- ³/~~12~~. A kit comprising at least one vessel containing a purified polypeptide the amino acid sequence of which consists of ~~comprises at least eight consecutive residues~~ of SEQ ID NO: 1.